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## \*DRAFT\* DELEGATE PROGRAMME

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### Thursday, 21 April 2016

09:30 – 17:30	OPTIONAL Tour – Hidden traces of Jewish culture and history in Warsaw <i>(Not suitable for those planning to attend the ITPG meeting)</i>	
10:00 – 16:30	<b>GGI Executive Committee Meeting</b> (for ExCom members only)	
12:30 – 19:30	GGI Hospitality Desk open	
13:30 – 16:30	OPTIONAL – Orientation Tour of Warsaw <i>(Not suitable for those planning to attend the ITPG meeting)</i>	
14:30 – 18:00	<b>Practice Group Meeting: International Taxation (ITPG)</b>	Oliver Biernat
19:00 – 22:30	<b>Welcome Reception &amp; Dinner in the Hotel</b>	
	<b>Introduction of GGI Member Candidates &amp; New Member Firms</b>	Michael Reiss von Filski

### Friday, 22 April 2016

07:30 – 10:00	Breakfast available in the hotel	
08:30 – 17:30	GGI Hospitality Desk open	
09:30 – 17:00	OPTIONAL Daytrip – In the footsteps of Frédéric Chopin <i>(ONLY for Accompanying Persons)</i>	
09:00 – 12:30	<b>Conference in the Hotel</b>	
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Reiss von Filski
09:15 – 09:30	<b>Presidential Speech</b>	Claudio G. Cocca
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Words of Welcome from the Host Firms</b>	
09:45 – 10:45	<b>Keynote Speech</b>	tbc
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:15	<b>Keynote Speech</b>	Nenad Pacek
12:15 – 12:30	Upcoming Conferences	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	

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14:00 – 15:30	<b>Practice Group &amp; Special Interest Meetings Round I</b>	
	Auditing, Reporting & Compliance	Boris Michels
	Corporate, Commercial & IP	Daniel Smyrek
	Global Political Economy & International Relations – Understanding the International Economic Order	Claudio G. Cocca
	Labour Law	Jeffrey Kenens
	Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Johan F. Langelaar
	Real Estate	Paul Simmons
	Tax Controversy & Tax Audit Defence	Ionut C. Zeche & Raluca Tutu
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Practice Group &amp; Special Interest Meetings Round II</b>	
	Business Development & Marketing	Alan Rajah
	Debt Collection, Restructuring & Insolvency	Dr Attila Kovács
	Immigration & Expatriate Services	Huub Kapel
	Indirect Taxes	Steve McCrindle & Toon Hasselman
	M&A	Tim van der Meer
	Trust & Estate Planning	Dennis Nerland
19:00 – 22:30	<b>Dinner in Endorfina Restaurant</b>	

## Saturday, 23 April 2016

07:30 – 10:00	Breakfast available in the hotel
09:00 – 13:30	GGI Hospitality Desk open
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Workshops</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Workshops (continued)</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch buffet
13:30 – 18:00	OPTIONAL Tour – Wilanów Palace Visit
19:30 – 23:00	Gala Dinner (venue tbc)

## Sunday, 24 April 2016

07:30 – 10:00	Breakfast available in the hotel
	Check out no later than 12:00 noon.
07:00 – 22:00	OPTIONAL Daytrip – Kraków: historic and cultural capital of Poland & Auschwitz

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Nenad Pacek



Nenad and his businesses currently advise global and regional directors of over 380 multinational corporations. He is founder and president of Global Success Advisors (global business and economic advisory) and co-founder and co-CEO of the CEEMEA Business Group corporate service (advisory for regional executives running Central Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa). The advisory focus is on helping executives understand economic/business/political outlooks for virtually all countries around the world and on helping companies build strategies for sustainable growth in emerging markets.

Nenad is the author of “The Future of Business in Emerging Markets: Growth Strategies for Growth Markets” (2012), “The Global Economy” (2012), lead author of “Emerging Markets: Lessons for Business Success and Outlook for Different Markets” (2003, 2007), and a contributor to the book “The Future of Money” (2010). He is one of the world’s leading authorities on economic and business issues that concern multinational corporations seeking faster growth internationally. He performs on average two speeches/advisory sessions every week at various corporate meetings on issues ranging from global, regional and country level economic/business outlooks to best business practices for outperforming competition internationally. In corporate circles he is well-known for not using any notes or power point slides while speaking and engaging in discussion.

Nenad is former Vice President of The Economist Group (Economist Intelligence Unit) where he spent almost two decades advising multinationals on economic and business issues and managing several business units. He chaired over 100 Economist Government Roundtables with Prime Ministers/Presidents and their cabinets throughout Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Nenad is a board member of the Center for Creative Leadership (globally no. 1 provider of leadership education). He is guest faculty at Duke Corporate Education (globally no. 1 provider of corporate education), Notre Dame Executive MBA and a number of corporate universities.

He studied international business, finance and economics. Nenad lives with his wife and three daughters near Vienna, Austria. He spends his rare free time mostly with his family, but occasionally sneaks out to play basketball, tennis, golf and to ski and swim.

## OPTIONAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 21 April 2016

### Hidden traces of Jewish culture and history in Warsaw, 09:30 – 17:30

*(Not suitable for those planning to attend the ITPG meeting)*

**Próżna Street and Grzybowski Square:** You will take a walk along the only surviving street from the Warsaw ghetto, where the pre-war architecture still exists in its original form. It is here where the Jewish Festival “Singer’s Warsaw” takes place every year.

**Nozyk Synagogue:** The only Warsaw synagogue which has survived the ravages of war.

**Krochmalna Street 10:** Visit the street where I.B. Singer lived and worked and hear his passionate biography.

**Jewish Cemetery:** Visit the cemetery which was founded in the nineteenth century and currently houses around 250,000 tombs. Amongst those buried here are Ludwik Zamenhof, inventor of the international language Esperanto.

**The Museum of the History of Polish Jews:** Built in the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. This multimedia narrative museum and cultural center presents the history of Polish Jews and the rich civilisation they created over the course of almost 1,000 years.

**The former Jewish Ghetto area** with its Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto, Umschlag Platz and Mila 18 Street with the bunker where Mordehaj Anielewicz, the leader of the Ghetto Uprising, committed suicide.

Lunch is provided, and you will also enjoy a traditional pasha cake and cup of coffee in one of the best Jewish restaurants in Warsaw.

### Orientation Tour of Warsaw, 13:30 – 16:30

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Discover Poland’s capital: fascinating city full of contrasts, modern metropolis with a turbulent history:

**The Royal Route:** You will see the aristocratic residences, famous monuments and churches including the Holy Cross Church with urn containing the heart of Frédéric Chopin as well as Presidential Palace and other government buildings.

**The Old Town** with the Royal Castle with its Square. You will get the chance to see King Sigismund’s III Column - the first secular monument in Poland, the Royal Castle and defence wall system. You will visit St John’s Cathedral, a witness of the most important events in the history of Poland.

**The Old Market Square** with the statue of the Warsaw Mermaid and full of restaurants, cafeterias, galleries.

**Warsaw’s New Town** with the Barbican, the house of Madame Curie (great Polish scientist who received two Nobel Prizes for her achievements in the field of physics and chemistry) and the Monument of the Warsaw Uprising 1944.

Other important places of interest to be visited: Marshal Joseph Pilsudski Sq. with the Tomb of Unknown Soldier and Saxon Garden, the Palace of Culture and Science, and the socrealist part of the city with MDM Square.

## Friday, 22 April 2016

### In the Footsteps of Frédéric Chopin, 09:30 – 17:30

(ONLY for Accompanying Persons)

Discover Chopin – the world-famous genius!

Drive to Żelazowa Wola (50km) to visit an old Polish manor, the birthplace of the composer. The house where Chopin was born is now a museum surrounded by a large garden. The museum has been reconstructed in a very modern style.

In the afternoon the tour returns to Warsaw where Chopin spent half of his life. Walk down Krakowskie Przedmieście: the Holy Cross Church where the composer's heart is enshrined, Church of the Nuns of the Visitation where Fryderyk played the organ, the Chopin Salon (optional visit), a part of the flat where the composer spent his last years before leaving Poland. At the end, there is a visit to Chopin's museum at Ostrogski's Palace, one of the most hi-tech museums in Europe, opened in the spring of 2010 to mark his 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Lunch is included.

## Saturday, 23 April 2016

### Wilanów Palace Visit, 13:30 – 18:00

Visit the royal summer residence of King Jan III Sobieski, the famous conqueror of the Turks at the battle of Vienna in 1683. Explore this wonderful baroque palace and a place of great beauty; the original architecture of the palace is the effect of the merger of European art with old Polish traditional construction. Preserved sculptural facades and the interior of the Palace is in reference to the symbolism of the ancient states apotheosis of the Sobieski family and the glorification of the military successes of the king.

If the weather is sunny, take the opportunity to stroll through the beautiful garden and park.

## Sunday, 24 April 2016

### Kraków: historic and cultural capital of Poland & Auschwitz, 07:00 – 22:00

There will be a transfer from the hotel to the train station first thing in the morning, to take a fast train from Warsaw to Kraków.

On a rocky height overlooking the Vistula river, the defensible Wawel Hill is said to have been kept out-of-bounds by a legendary dragon living in a cave below it. The city was the seat of the Polish monarchy and the country's capital until 1596. Thanks to the fortuitous absence of major catastrophes, Kraków's heritage remains fully intact for today's visitor to enjoy. Listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site with an enchanting Old Town, Wawel Castle and the Cathedral complex (where kings of Poland and national heroes lie buried), and one of medieval Europe's largest market places with its Renaissance Cloth Hall and the Gothic Church of St Mary.

Once the city walk is finished, lunch will be provided in one of the local restaurants.

After lunch there will be a visit to Auschwitz – the largest of the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. It has been the largest 'death' factory in the history of humanity and a silent witness to human tragedy.